

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-15, 18-25, 28-30, 33-36, 46-51, 54-65, 68-77, and 80-132 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 24, 47, 58, 68, 88, 129, 130, 131, and 132 are independent. Claims 16, 17, 31, 32, 52, 53, 66, 67, 78, and 79 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 18, 24, 46, 47, 58, 68, 86, 108, and 127 have been amended for clarification with respect to the specification and the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have added new Claims 129-132 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and drawings, and are believed to be allowable for the reasons to be developed below.

Each of Claims 18, 46, 86, 108, and 127 has been amended to make minor typographical corrections.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 88-108 are allowed. Applicants further note with appreciation Examiner's indication that dependent Claims 17, 18, 79, 86, 120, and 127 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the April 6, 2005 Office Action, Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-16, 20-25, 28-36, 46-79, 80-85, 87, 109-119, 121-126, and 128 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,526,251 to Gorsuch, et al. ("Gorsuch") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,154,643 to Cox ("Cox"), for the reasons described at pages 2-

15 of the Office Action. Applicants hereby traverse these rejections.

While specifically traversing the art rejections, and preserving Applicants' right to file a continuation application to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Applicants have incorporated subject matter from the allowable dependent claims into the independent claims solely to secure immediate allowance thereof. Accordingly, Applicants have amended each of independent Claims 1, 24, 47, 58, and 68.

In particular, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of now-cancelled Claims 16 and 17. Accordingly, as amended, independent Claim 1 is now equivalent to Claim 17 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 17 would be allowable if so rewritten, Applicants submit that independent Claim 1 is allowable. In addition, each of dependent Claims 4, 5, 7-15, and 18-23 is also allowable as being dependent from independent Claim 1.

Independent Claims 24, 47, and 58 have each been amended to recite that the processor further prioritizes the authorization of connections by the base station based upon which of the at least two communication ports the connection is being authorized for and upon a prioritization table, wherein information in the prioritization table is downloaded from the base station. Accordingly, each of independent Claims 24, 47, and 58 has been amended similarly as independent Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that each of independent Claims 24, 47, and 58 is now allowable for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to independent Claim 1. In addition, each of dependent Claims 25, 28-30, 33-36, and 46 depends from independent Claim 24; each of dependent Claims 48-51 and 54-57 depends from independent Claim 47; and each of dependent

Claims 59-65 depends from independent Claim 58. Therefore, each of dependent Claims 25, 28-30, 33-36, 46, 48-51, 54-57, and 59-65 is allowable for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to independent Claims 24, 47, and 58, respectively.

Independent Claim 68 has been amended to include the limitations of now-cancelled Claims 78 and 79. Accordingly, as amended, independent Claim 68 is now equivalent to Claim 79 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 79 would be allowable if so rewritten, Applicants submit that independent Claim 68 is allowable. In addition, each of dependent Claims 69-77 and 80-87 is also allowable as being dependent from independent Claim 68.

New independent Claim 129 recites all limitations of dependent Claims 18, 22, and 23, as well as all limitations of independent Claim 1 prior to the amendment of independent Claim 1 made herein. Accordingly, new independent Claim 129 is now equivalent to Claim 18 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 18 would be allowable if so rewritten, Applicants submit that new independent Claim 129 is allowable.

New independent Claim 130 recites all limitations of dependent Claims 81, 83, and 86, as well as all limitations of independent Claim 68 prior to the amendment of independent Claim 68 made herein. Accordingly, new independent Claim 130 is now equivalent to Claim 86 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 86 would be allowable if so rewritten, Applicants submit that new independent Claim 130 is

allowable.

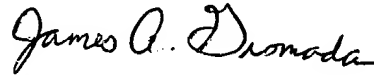
New independent Claim 131 recites all limitations of dependent Claims 109, 119, and 120, as well as all limitations of independent Claim 68 prior to the amendment of independent Claim 68 made herein. Accordingly, new independent Claim 131 is now equivalent to Claim 120 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 120 would be allowable if so rewritten, Applicants submit that new independent Claim 131 is allowable.

New independent Claim 132 recites all limitations of dependent Claims 109, 122, 124, and 127, as well as all limitations of independent Claim 68 prior to the amendment of independent Claim 68 made herein. Accordingly, new independent Claim 132 is now equivalent to Claim 127 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 127 would be allowable if so rewritten, Applicants submit that new independent Claim 132 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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